

Davis, Danny	Kilmer	Price (NC)
DeGette	Kind	Quigley
Delaney	Krishnamoorthi	Raskin
DeLauro	Kuster (NH)	Rice (NY)
DelBene	Langevin	Richmond
Demings	Larsen (WA)	Rosen
DeSaulnier	Larson (CT)	Roysal-Allard
Deutch	Lawrence	Ruiz
Diaz-Balart	Lawson (FL)	Ruppersberger
Dingell	Lee	Rush
Doggett	Levin	Ryan (OH)
Doyle, Michael F.	Lewis (GA)	Sánchez
Ellison	Lieu, Ted	Sarbanes
Engel	Lipinski	Schakowsky
Eshoo	Loeb	Schiff
Espallat	Lofgren	Schneider
Esty (CT)	Lowenthal	Schrader
Evans	Lowey	Scott (VA)
Foster	Lujan Grisham, M.	Scott, David
Frankel (FL)	Luján, Ben Ray	Serrano
Fudge	Maloney,	Sewell (AL)
Gabbard	Carolyn B.	Shea-Porter
Galego	Maloney, Sean	Sires
Garamendi	Matsui	Slaughter
Gonzalez (TX)	McCollum	Smith (WA)
Gotthelmer	McEeachin	Soto
Green, Al	McGovern	Speier
Green, Gene	McNerney	Suozi
Grijalva	Meeks	Swalwell (CA)
Gutiérrez	Meng	Takano
Hanabusa	Moore	Thompson (CA)
Hastings	Moulton	Thompson (MS)
Heck	Murphy (FL)	Titus
Higgins (NY)	Nadler	Tonko
Himes	Neal	Torres
Hoyer	Nolan	Tsongas
Huffman	Norcross	Vargas
Jackson Lee	O'Rourke	Veasey
Jayapal	Pallone	Vela
Jeffries	Panetta	Velázquez
Johnson (GA)	Pascarell	Visclosky
Johnson, E. B.	Payne	Walz
Keating	Pelosi	Wasserman
Kelly (IL)	Perlmutter	Schultz
Kennedy	Peters	Waters, Maxine
Khanna	Pingree	Watson Coleman
Kihuen	Pocan	Welch
Kildee	Polis	Wilson (FL)
		Yarmuth

NOT VOTING—8

Cummings	Johnson, Sam	Sherman
Granger	Lewis (MN)	Weber (TX)
Griffith	Napolitano	

□ 1610

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 306.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I rise to give notice of my intent to raise a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President shall immediately disclose his tax return information to the House of Representatives and the American people.

Whereas, President Nixon explained that "People have got to know whether or not their President is a crook" when he invited the Joint Committee on Taxation to audit his returns after the Internal Revenue Service gave him an unwarranted tax discount;

Whereas, according to the Tax History Project, every President since

Gerald Ford has disclosed his tax return information to the public;

Whereas, the Chairmen of the Committee on Ways and Means, Joint Committee on Taxation, and the Committee on Finance have the authority to request the President's tax returns under section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

Whereas, pursuant to Article I, section 7, clause 1 of the Constitution, often referred to as the Origination Clause, the House of Representatives has the sole authority to initiate legislation that raises revenue for the national government, and the Committee on Ways and Means is considering a comprehensive reform of the Tax Code;

Whereas, according to media reports analyzing President Trump's leaked 2005 tax return, we know that had his own tax plan been in place, he would have paid an estimated mere 3.48 percent rate instead of a 24 percent rate, saving him \$31.3 million;

Whereas, according to The New York Times, the President used a legally dubious tax maneuver in 1995 that could have allowed him to avoid paying any Federal taxes for 18 years;

Whereas, President Trump holds "interests as the sole or principal owner in approximately 500 separate entities," according to his attorneys, and the President's tax plan proposes to cut the tax rate on such "pass-through" entities from 39.6 percent to 15 percent;

Whereas, one analysis estimated that President Trump would personally save \$6.7 million from two tax breaks included in the Republicans' first tax cut, which they misleadingly call the American Health Care Act;

Whereas, without the President's tax returns, the American people cannot determine how much he will personally benefit from proposed changes to the Tax Code;

Whereas, an ABCNews/Washington Post poll found that 74 percent of Americans would like President Trump to disclose his tax returns and the most-signed petition on the White House website calls for the release of the President's tax return information to verify compliance with the Emoluments Clause, with more than 1,097,000 signatures as of date of this resolution;

Whereas, disclosure of the President's tax returns could help those investigating Russian influence in the 2016 election better understand the President's financial ties to the Russian Federation, Russian businesses, and Russian individuals;

Whereas, after breaking his pledge to make his tax returns available, President Trump instead presented a one-page letter from a law firm giving him a clean bill of health on any business dealings with Russians, but failed to note that the very same law firm boasted of the "prestigious honor" of being named "Russia Law Firm of the Year" for 2016;

Whereas, former Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James Comey, before he was fired by President

Trump, publicly confirmed that the Bureau has been investigating potential ties between President Trump's campaign and Russia since July and that the Russian President Vladimir Putin favored a Trump electoral victory;

Whereas, President Trump's son-in-law and senior advisor, Jared Kushner, met during the Presidential transition at the behest of the Russian Ambassador with Sergey N. Gorkov, a graduate of a school run by the successor to the KGB and who was appointed by Vladimir Putin to head a Russian state-owned bank that is on the U.S. sanctions list;

Whereas, Mr. Kushner proposed establishing a secret back channel of communications directly to Vladimir Putin, even considering the use of Russian embassy facilities to do so;

Whereas, Attorney General Jeff Sessions falsely stated during his Senate confirmation hearing that he "did not have communications with the Russians," when in fact he met at least twice during the campaign with Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak;

Whereas, former Director Comey testified before the Senate Intelligence Committee that President Trump had asked him in the Oval Office about "letting Flynn go," referring to the investigation into former National Security Advisor Michael Flynn's business ties to Russia;

Whereas, President Trump stated on May 11, 2017, that he had decided that he was going to fire Comey because of "this Russia thing";

Whereas, former Director Comey, on June 8, 2017, testified that Special Counsel Robert Mueller could investigate whether President Trump's actions with regard to Director Comey and the Flynn investigation constituted obstruction of justice;

Whereas, in 2013, President Trump said, "Well, I've done a lot of business with the Russians. They're smart and they're tough," and President Trump's son, Donald Trump, Jr., told a news outlet in 2008 that "Russians make up a pretty disproportionate cross-section of a lot of our assets";

Whereas, against the advice of ethics attorneys and the nonpartisan Office of Government Ethics, the President has refused to divest his ownership stake in his businesses;

Whereas, the Director of the nonpartisan Office of Government Ethics said that the President's plan to transfer his business holdings to a trust managed by family members is "meaningless" and "does not meet the standards that . . . every President in the past four decades has met";

Whereas, the Emoluments Clause was included in the Constitution for the express purpose of preventing Federal officials from accepting any "present, Emolument, Office, or Title . . . from any King, Prince, or foreign state";

Whereas, the Trump International Hotel in Washington, D.C., has hired a

“director of diplomatic sales” to generate high-priced business among foreign leaders and diplomatic delegations;

Whereas, the Joint Committee on Taxation reviewed the tax returns of President Richard Nixon in 1974 and made the information public;

Whereas, the Committee on Ways and Means used the authority under section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 in 2014 to make public the confidential tax information of 51 taxpayers;

Whereas, the Committee on Ways and Means has now voted three times along party lines to continue to cover-up President Trump's tax returns;

Whereas, the House of Representatives has now refused nine times to act on President Trump's tax returns;

Whereas, the American people have the right to know whether or not their President is operating under conflicts of interest related to international affairs, tax reform, Government contracts, or otherwise;

Whereas, the House of Representatives undermines its dignity and the integrity of its proceedings by continuing the cover-up of President Trump's tax returns: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives shall, one, immediately request the tax return and return information of Donald J. Trump for tax years 2006 through 2015, as provided under section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as well as the tax return and return information with respect to the President's businesses of each business entity disclosed by Donald J. Trump on his Office of Government Ethics Form 278e, specifically each corporation and each partnership within the meaning of subchapter K of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 where he is listed as an officer, director, or equivalent, or exercises working control; and

Two, postpone consideration of tax reform legislation until the elected Representatives of the American people in this House have obtained President Trump's tax returns and return information to ascertain how any changes to the Tax Code might financially benefit the President.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from Texas will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ACCOUNTABILITY AND WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ACT OF 2017

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on passage of the bill (S. 1094) to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 368, nays 55, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 307]

YEAS—368

Abraham	Comer	Gonzalez (TX)
Adams	Comstock	Goodlatte
Aderholt	Conaway	Gosar
Aguiar	Connolly	Gottheimer
Allen	Conyers	Gowdy
Amash	Cook	Graves (GA)
Amodei	Cooper	Graves (LA)
Arrington	Correa	Graves (MO)
Babin	Costa	Green, Gene
Bacon	Costello (PA)	Grothman
Banks (IN)	Courtney	Guthrie
Barletta	Cramer	Harper
Barr	Crawford	Harris
Barton	Crist	Hartzler
Beatty	Cuellar	Heck
Bera	Culberson	Hensarling
Bergman	Curbelo (FL)	Herrera Beutler
Biggs	Davidson	Hice, Jody B.
Bilirakis	Davis (CA)	Higgins (LA)
Bishop (GA)	Davis, Danny	Higgins (NY)
Bishop (MI)	Davis, Rodney	Hill
Bishop (UT)	DeFazio	Himes
Black	DeGette	Holding
Blum	Delaney	Hollingsworth
Blumenauer	DeLauro	Hudson
Blunt Rochester	DelBene	Huffman
Bonamici	Demings	Huizenga
Bost	Denham	Hultgren
Boyle, Brendan	Dent	Hunter
F.	DeSantis	Hurd
Brady (PA)	DesJarlais	Issa
Brady (TX)	Deutch	Jenkins (KS)
Brat	Diaz-Balart	Jenkins (WV)
Bridenstine	Dingell	Johnson (LA)
Brooks (AL)	Doggett	Johnson (OH)
Brooks (IN)	Donovan	Jones
Brownley (CA)	Doyle, Michael	Jordan
Buchanan	F.	Joyce (OH)
Buck	Duffy	Kaptur
Bucshon	Duncan (SC)	Katko
Budd	Duncan (TN)	Keating
Burgess	Dunn	Kelly (MS)
Bustos	Emmer	Kelly (PA)
Butterfield	Eshoo	Kennedy
Byrne	Estes (KS)	Khanna
Calvert	Esty (CT)	Kihuen
Capuano	Farenthold	Kildee
Carbajal	Faso	Kilmer
Cárdenas	Ferguson	Kind
Carter (GA)	Fitzpatrick	King (IA)
Carter (TX)	Fleischmann	King (NY)
Cartwright	Flores	Kinzinger
Castor (FL)	Fortenberry	Knight
Castro (TX)	Foster	Krishnamoorthi
Chabot	Fox	Kuster (NH)
Chaffetz	Frankel (FL)	Kustoff (TN)
Cheney	Franks (AZ)	Labrador
Chu, Judy	Frelinghuysen	LaHood
Cicilline	Gabbard	LaMalfa
Clark (MA)	Gaetz	Lamborn
Clay	Gallagher	Lance
Cleaver	Gallego	Langvin
Coffman	Garamendi	Larsen (WA)
Cole	Garrett	Larson (CT)
Collins (GA)	Gibbs	Latta
Collins (NY)	Gohmert	Lawrence

Lawson (FL)	Palazzo	Sherman
Lewis (MN)	Palmer	Shimkus
Lieu, Ted	Panetta	Shuster
Lipinski	Pascrell	Simpson
LoBiondo	Paulsen	Sinema
Loeback	Pearce	Sires
Lofgren	Perlmutter	Slaughter
Long	Perry	Smith (MO)
Loudermilk	Peters	Smith (NE)
Love	Peterson	Smith (NJ)
Lowenthal	Pingree	Smith (TX)
Lowey	Pittenger	Smucker
Lucas	Poe (TX)	Soto
Luetkemeyer	Poliquin	Speier
Lujan Grisham,	Polis	Stefanik
M.	Posey	Stewart
Luján, Ben Ray	Price (NC)	Stivers
MacArthur	Quigley	Swalwell (CA)
Maloney,	Ratcliffe	Takano
Carolyn B.	Reed	Taylor
Maloney, Sean	Reichert	Tenney
Marchant	Renacci	Thompson (CA)
Marino	Rice (SC)	Thompson (PA)
Marshall	Roby	Thornberry
Massie	Roe (TN)	Tiberi
Mast	Rogers (AL)	Tipton
Matsui	Rogers (KY)	Titus
McCarthy	Rohrabacher	Tonko
McCauley	Rokita	Torres
McClintock	Rooney, Francis	Trott
McCollum	Rooney, Thomas	Tsongas
McGovern	J.	Turner
McHenry	Ros-Lehtinen	Upton
McKinley	Rosen	Valladao
McMorris	Roskam	Veasey
Rodgers	Ross	Vela
McNerney	Rothfus	Visclosky
McSally	Rouzer	Wagner
Meadows	Roybal-Allard	Walberg
Meehan	Royce (CA)	Walden
Meeks	Ruiz	Walker
Meng	Ruppersberger	Walorski
Messer	Rush	Walters, Mimi
Mitchell	Russell	Walz
Moolenaar	Rutherford	Webster (FL)
Mooney (WV)	Ryan (OH)	Welch
Moore	Sanford	Wenstrup
Moulton	Sarbanes	Westerman
Mullin	Scalise	Williams
Murphy (FL)	Schiff	Wilson (SC)
Murphy (PA)	Schneider	Wittman
Neal	Schrader	Womack
Newhouse	Schweikert	Woodall
Noem	Scott, Austin	Yarmuth
Nolan	Scott, David	Yoder
Nunes	Sensenbrenner	Yoho
O'Halleran	Sessions	Young (IA)
O'Rourke	Sewell (AL)	Zeldin
Olson	Shea-Porter	

NAYS—55

Barragán	Hastings	Raskin
Bass	Hoyer	Rice (NY)
Beyer	Jackson Lee	Richmond
Brown (MD)	Jayapal	Sánchez
Carson (IN)	Jeffries	Schakowsky
Clarke (NY)	Johnson (GA)	Scott (VA)
Clyburn	Johnson, E. B.	Serrano
Cohen	Kelly (IL)	Smith (WA)
Crowley	Lee	Suozi
DeSaulnier	Levin	Thompson (MS)
Ellison	Lewis (GA)	Vargas
Engel	Lynch	Velázquez
Espallat	McEachin	Wasserman
Evans	Nadler	Schultz
Fudge	Norcross	Waters, Maxine
Green, Al	Pallone	Watson Coleman
Grijalva	Payne	Wilson (FL)
Gutiérrez	Pelosi	Young (AK)
Hanabusa	Pocan	

NOT VOTING—7

Blackburn	Griffith	Weber (TX)
Cummings	Johnson, Sam	
Granger	Napolitano	

□ 1635

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to record my last vote due to ineffective card. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 307.